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SUPPLY OF POOR QUALITY OF COAL .
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any complaints against CoalIndia Ltd. (CIL) for supplying poor quality of coal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any responsibility in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(f) the success achieved by the Government as a result thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a)&(b):Occasionally complaints are received mainly from power housesagainst the poor quality of coal supplied by subsidiary companies of Coal India Limited (CIL).

(c)to(f): CIL has been advised from time to time to take remedial actions in respect of specific complaints. CIL has also taken following initiatives to improve the quality of coal:-

i) Selective mining of bands of greater than 1 meter thickness.

ii) Appropriate positioning of OB and coal benches to avoid contamination.

iii) Scrapping/cleaning of coal benches before blasting.

iv) Installation of metal detectors/magnetic separators over running conveyors before coal loading,

v) All the major projects having high capacity coal handling plants to despatch sized and uniform quality of coal to suit the requirement of the consumers,

vi) Establishment of well equipped laboratories at all the projects for regular quality assessment,

vii) Arrangement for joint sampling and 3rd party sampling with consumers, based on which consumers are compensated,

viii) Shale picking, if any, at mine face, stocks sidings and from the wagons.The above measures taken by CIL have resulted in improvement in respect of quality of coal supplied.